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Koreans in the North cannot discuss issues such as this in the open because under the so-called normal civil laws, gathering of more than two persons without advance authorization is considered a violation. I knew one old gentleman who every night used to walk about 2 miles over very rugged mountain trails to the city to listen to the radio broadcast from Seoul. One night, upon his return from the city, he found his home had been completely wrecked by the Communist police. People cannot gather even on the side of the road in North Korea.

I was offered a teaching position in Kongsong City, Hamgyong Pukto, which I accepted for two reasons: to support a family of six, and to keep the spirit of the students alive as much as possible. The school I went to teach in was no exception. The Communist elements dominated both the teaching staff and student body. If any one was found to have his own political thoughts he was immediately dismissed from the school. One of my students, who was selected to make a speech on the occasion of anniversary of the People's Army, said in his speech, "The People's Army is Soviet Army Jr." He was expelled from the school the same day. Another student said, "Grains harvested in Korea are being shipped to the Soviet Union every day through Ch'ongjin Port. How can the Soviet Union be a liberator of the oppressed people when she does this kind of thing?" That student is behind bars now.

Members of the teaching staff are required to come one-half hour early every morning and report to the office of the school head for daily instructions. Teachers return to their home, if early, at about 2100, but they usually return home about midnight. We have seen too much of the Red ghost in the North. School children are more afraid of school authorities than of the police.

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